



NWMMOC NEWSLETTER

June 2026

Photos from the Archives

Bill Reed

Ten years ago, our Branch won the "Best Club Display" at the Wheelnuts Rally, St. Roses School, Stroud.



Move forward 10 years, to 2026 and as a Branch we were there again! And have displayed our cars at Wheelnuts for most of the years between!

In 2026 we were again judged to be the “Best Club Display” and on this occasion were presented with the Huw Williams Cup. At the presentation it was explained that Huw Williams, a member of the Friends of St. Roses School, had been a key instigator in the development and continuation of Wheelnuts, which raises much needed funds for the school.



Left to right: Sarah Bracher, Clive Frost, Pam Holmes Charlie Frost, Ashley Alexander, Andrew Bracher, Anna Gale, Ashley Holmes, Gill Waters, Becca Bracher, Steve Chater, Sue Alexander.

Each year the school needs to raise thousands of pounds to buy equipment for the children and students of the St Rose’s family. They need this to help them grow, achieve their full potential and overcome the challenges of daily life, such as being able to communicate, have mobility, access education and learn new skills. Recently the monies raised have contributed to a new mini-bus.

Branch Trophies

Words: Pam Holmes

As a Branch we have a selection of trophies available to be awarded annually, to recognise both the contributions and achievements of individuals.

Below is a list of the trophies to be awarded this year, if there is a recipient identified. The trophies are:

The Nigel Gratton Cup donated in memory of this previous long-standing member, to be awarded to a member who has made a significant contribution to the operation of the Branch.

Awarded by the Chairperson, at the AGM

The Steve Rogers trophy in recognition of the contribution made by a member(s) to the organisation of club activities or events.

To be awarded annually by the Branch Committee, at the AGM.

The Golden Spanner Award in recognition of the contribution a member has made to assisting other members in maintaining their Morris Minors.

Awarded through Nominations from the membership of the Branch, at the AGM.

If you have been assisted in maintaining your Morris Minor by another Branch member then please consider nominating the person for this Award. Please send nominations to Pam Holmes pamlynnholmes@icloud.com

Branch Rally: Best in Show Trophy for the best Branch member's car. Selected by members votes and awarded at the Branch Rally.

Additionally, there are trophies for the Branch Rally based on "class" of car.

South Wales Branch Rally: Caldicot Castle. Sunday, 10th May

Words: Pam Holmes Photos: Bill Reed



Two Branch Minors travelled to this show: Bill Reed's Traveller and Ash Holmes' Series 2 convertible. We parked adjacent to each other and displayed both the Branch flag and a circular banner with our badge.

A significant amount of interest was shown in both cars. Ash had lots of questions and discussion about the Shorrock supercharger in his convertible and had an interesting discussion with a South Wales Branch member whose grandfather had owned the Shorrock company!



Caldicot Castle is a great venue for a rally and the castle provides a perfect spot from which to take a photograph of the whole rally field showing the number and range of classic cars on display. Unfortunately this year the sun did not come out and there was a chill in the air but plenty of interest in the Morris Minors!



Volunteers Needed, please!

*To assist with putting up and bringing down the shelters (tent style) on morning and at the end of the Branch Rally.

*As a Branch we can include a short (200 word report) with a photo, in each issue of the Minor Matters magazine, published six times each year. This task could be shared by six people, each doing one short report! Please would you help?

I would need the reports to pass on to the Minor Matters editor as follows:

- by 10th September for in the November/December magazine
- by 10th November for in the January/February 2027 magazine.

Moggyfest Success for George's Pick-up.

Words and photo: George Kitching

I just wanted the club to know my pick up was judged first in class at Moggyfest!



First of all I must apologise the show was so good I never got my phone out once! So never took photos!

The standard of Morris Minor's was excellent, I've never seen so many LCVs in one place!

The auto jumble was gigantic but not a lot of Morris stuff unlike the MMOC National Rally.

The Beaulieu car museum is great. (When attending Moggyfest, entry to the museum is free!)

Moggyfest is a must for me in the future, if you haven't been, put it on the calendar for next year!

I must say it was a great honour to receive my award for the "Best LCV" in front of so many Morris enthusiasts.

I am sure we all are congratulating George on his success!

Ash and I agree that Moggyfest is a superb event, we were very sorry to have missed it this year!

Perhaps as a Branch we should arrange a weekend at Moggyfest next year; it is worth noting that in addition to the "Moggyfest" event, autojumble, the Beaulieu Car Museum, cafe/restaurant and play area, there are also gardens, a small museum related to Second World War operations, a monorail around the estate and an abbey. It is only 2 hours drive from Swindon! Pam.

Gloucestershire MMOC Branch Rally

Words & photos: Pam Holmes



Alex and Bill drove “in convoy” from Malmesbury, Ash and I met them at the Gloucester Airport, venue chosen for the 2026 Gloucestershire Branch Rally.



It is an interesting venue with the Jet Age Museum on site which is largely concerned with Gloster aircraft and includes Britain's first jet aircraft. Adjacent to the museum there is an active airfield where light aircraft were landing and taking-off throughout the day.



The Gloucestershire Branch ran a tombola and a cake stall but of greatest interest was the large display of Morris Minors and other classic cars.



It was interesting to wander around all of the cars, examining them with care in order to vote for "The People's Choice Morris Minor". There was a great range of Morris Minors, the pristine and very original in style, those being gradually brought back to original condition and those showing a very different image. All different and all special to their owner and driver!



This unusual car badge was on the grille of a Traveller!



Motors at the Manor

Word & photo: Bill Reed

Alex and I attended Motors at the Manor yesterday evening (Thursday, 28th May). Twenty or so classics of all sorts. This is a nice relaxed event in lovely surroundings from 6pm on the last Thursday of the month.



Future Events: Dates for your diary!

Hampshire Branch Rally, Sunday, 28th June.

We have been invited as a Branch to attend the Hampshire Branch Rally which is to be in Wiltshire this year, at Wilton House near Salisbury. Application forms are now available on the Hampshire Branch website. <https://www.hampshire-morris-minor.club/> If you are having any difficulty in registering on the Hampshire Branch website then please contact: Pam Holmes pamlynnholmes@icloud.com or by phone and I will try to help.

Peter Watts has planned a route for those who wish to travel in convoy. The route is approx. 39 miles, taking 1 hour 25mins at Morris speeds. We will gather at Ellendune car park in Wroughton for a prompt departure at 9am. Peter will hand out a route guides on the morning.

Hopefully we can have a large North Wiltshire contingent at this rally: **once you have booked a place with the Hampshire Branch please advise me pamlynnholmes@icloud.com and confirm if you would like to travel "in convoy"**. The benefit of a convoy is that it we should arrive and park together.

MMOC National Rally 3rd-5th July: Are you going?

We have an area to park our Moggies, on Branch Avenue, so please let me know if you plan to be there! And on which days.

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Drive on Sunday, 26th July to visit the Open Arts Studios.

A scenic drive with visits to the "Open Studios" of local artists.

Starting at Chiseldon at 9.30am and ending with the option of lunch at Aldbourne.

If you wish to take part in this drive, visiting "Open Studios" then please let me have your name as soon as possible pamlynnholmes@icloud.com

Fairford Show: Sunday, 16th August.

Information about this Show has been in Branch Newsletters and on the website.

If you have booked a space at the Show on our Branch "plot" then we look forward to seeing you on 16th August. Any questions contact Ash Holmes.

Shallbourne Show: Sunday, 30th August.

Due to the success of this Show last year, when over 450 classic cars attended, this year it is a requirement for each driver/car to book a place in advance. The link to make this booking is on the North Wilts MMOC Branch website. Any problems in obtaining and returning the booking form then please contact Pam Holmes 01285 810524 pamlynnholmes@icloud.com

Once you have booked for the Shallbourne Car Show, please advise Bill Reed who is co-ordinating this event and arranging for us to drive "in convoy" to the Show to enable us to be parked as a group. bill@euclidvillas.co.uk

Oakridge Show: Saturday, 5th September

I do hope we shall have a good attendance at this show, we are always made to feel very welcome! A lovely "village show" with a good display of classic cars. Booking forms are available through a link on the "Events" page.

We shall be arranging a convoy from Dobbies near Cirencester to Oakridge Show! If you wish to take part then please book and let me know as soon as possible. pamlynnholmes@icloud.com

Brinkworth Show: Sunday, 6th September

AGM: Sunday, 18th October at Castle Eaton Village Hall.

Treasure Hunt: Sunday, 22nd November

Suggestions please for December Branch gathering.

In Decembers' passed we have been out for a restaurant meal, had Father Christmas visit, village hall picnic, gone to a pantomime. etc. Your ideas are needed for our Branch gathering December 2026.

New ideas would be welcome! Whatever event you would like to take part in!

Please give this some thought and reply to pamlynnholmes@icloud.com so that the committee has ideas your ideas to consider and start to plan.

Final note of thanks for your contributions to this newsletter to:

George Kitching
Bill Reed
Ash Holmes

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Ashley Alexander
Steve Chater
Kath Ridley
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